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Line-ups make reg "sweatshop"

by clint burnham

The third student in line for the first day of early registration, July 7, was in the SUB at 6:00 a.m. By 8:00 a.m., the line was to the AMS General Office. People were out the door by 11:00 a.m. At 12:30, when the doors to the East-West Lounge finally opened and early registration for the 1982-83 Winter Session began, passage through most of the SUB was impossible.

By 7:00 that evening, when the first day of early registration ended, 521 students had early registered in a hot, sweaty, room that one AMS worker described as "worse than the sweatshops of South Korea."

Registration workers were amazed at the perseverance of students who had waited up to seven hours to register. Joan Wells, of Records Services attributed the phenomenal line-up to new students' fears about cutbacks and enrolment limits.

"Students weren't just worried about getting the right section, they were worried about getting a lab or course at all," said Wells.

This wasn't the concensus of students in line for the first day, however. Jeff Dekergommeaux, entering his first year in Sciences, said that he was just here to get the "right classes".

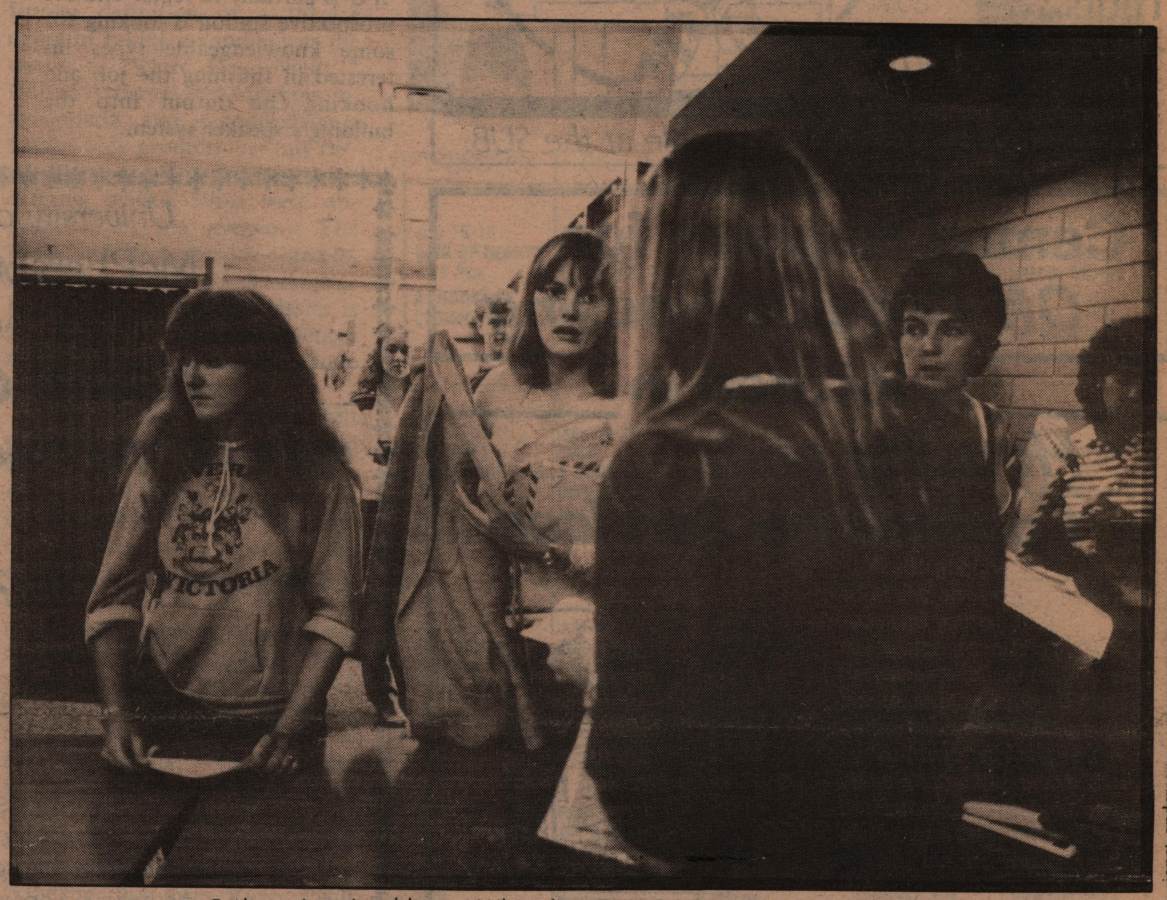
"That's just the way I am," he said, adding that he "didn't hear anything about cutbacks."

Ann McRae, an Arts and Sciences student, said that it was the only time she was available, and one of the five students interviewed, Nancy Lefebre, a 4th year Nursing student, said she was worried about limits in some of her courses.

Ironically, most of the early students weren't anxious about getting into a humanities course, but rather into hard science areas like Computing Sciences, that, although slated for emphasis by provincial and federal governments, are experiencing limits as tight belts and cutbacks slow down high-tech expenditures.

What about next year? Again, money seems to be a limiting factor. Wells admitted that Records did have wishes for a more streamlined process, but because of budget restrictions, "they'll have to stay in our wishbooks."

And in the meantime, students will take a number, like customers in a butcher shop, waiting to buy a piece of head cheese.



janet anderson

Early registration blues: "What do you mean Nursing 402 is closed?"

BOD re-affirms tuition freeze

Hargreaves attacked

New BOD splits on tuition stand.

by arnold shaeffer

In an at-times stormy AMS Board of Directors (BOD) meeting July 11, AMS President Eric Hargreaves was attacked by directors for his reported "wimp-out" stand on tuition fees at the June 25 Board of Governors (BOG) meeting.

The debate focused on the recent BOG meeting, at which Hargreaves was to present the AMS case for a tuition freeze. Before the BOG meeting, the BOD had debated the subject of a tuition fee policy, and a motion (number 86) calling for a tuition freeze "in the face of the severe economic conditions facing students" was passed by the Board.

Hargreaves said, later in the meeting that he had told UVic President Petch and others that the AMS "basically wanted a tuition freeze, but..." At this point he was interrupted by Director Rex Brynen, who objected to the modifier "basically."

"Basically?" exclaimed Brynen, "I don't remember any basically in motion 86!"

Hargreaves accused the MARTLET of mis-quoting some of his remarks, but after heavy questioning and an examination of his written brief he admitted that he had failed to put the AMS case strongly. Commenting on Hargreaves' reported "thank you" to BOG Chairman Hugh Stephens for the 14.9 per cent tuition fee increase, Director Herb Pimlott likened the platitudes to "thanking a mugger for not killing you."

Sunday's BOD meeting also revealed that members of the AMS executive had attempted to amend the AMS' stand on tuition fees from a freeze to a call for a maximum 15 per cent increase, acting on the basis of secret information obtained prior to announcements that the true increase was 14.9 per cent, thereby hoping to improve relations with UVic's higher-ups.

A motion was passed Sunday night directing Hargreaves to clarify the AMS position in letters to BOG members. Many directors feared, however, that the damage had been done.

Hargreaves had opened the meeting with his President's report, stating that "rumours by certain directors that I should resign are unfounded."

Berger appointment premature

Reports that Supreme Court of Canada Justice Tom Berger will receive a one-year 1982-83 teaching post in the UVic Faculty of Law are premature, Dean of Law Lyman Robinson has told the MARTLET.

Robinson said he now hoped to be able to announce the appointment by the end of July, but he feared that federal government preoccupation with the new budget could lead to further delays.

"Berger would add a great dimension to the university," said Robinson of the controversial and outspoken judge. If the appointment is made, Berger would teach in the Faculty of Law and give additional lectures for other students and the public during the school-year.

All Supreme Court Justices require cabinet approval for leaves of absence greater than 30 days.

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HOT FLASHES

Radio UVic on air?

by lisa tansey

UVic's Radio Club hopes to be broadcasting closed-circuit soon in the SUB. Used equipment bought from and donated by UBC and SFU is partially in repair and the prospective station is looking for some knowledgeable types interested in finishing the job and hooking the output into the building's speaker system.

The station hopes to train a core of DJs on both this equipment and by DJing for the pub on the old Starr Sound equipment. Some months of broadcasting experience are necessary to support further plans to apply for carrier current licensing or cable FM transmission.

A meeting held last month set out the immediate needs and took a stab at long-term plans for the station. Some basic equipment still needs to be priced and acquired.

The station hopes to become a major medium for communication on campus and between the campus and the community, as well as providing basic entertainment in the coming year.

SFU demands porn boycott

by carolyn jones
vancouver cup

The SFU Student Society (SFUSS) has demanded that the SFU bookstore discontinue the sale of Playboy, Penthouse and other pornographic magazines.

SFU's student newspaper the PEAK reported that the Canadian National Institute for the Blind (CNIB)-operated bookstore retailed as many as seven pornographic magazines, and that SFUSS representative Laurie White did not feel that the magazines "contribute to the ideas that higher education is trying to promote."

The PEAK quoted Bookstore manager Benny Quan as saying: "The bookstore does not practise censorship. I'm not advocating that these are good publications or not...a lot of people think there's a lot of good articles in it."

University representatives reportedly said that the magazines would continue to be sold despite the SFUSS demand.

UVic student drowns

Rob Velay, UVic student and beloved son of Joan and Charles Velay, died July 9, 1982, while canoeing on the Columbia River. Funeral services will be held 1:00 p.m., July 15, 1982, at Sands Memorial Chapel of Chimes, 1803 Quadra.

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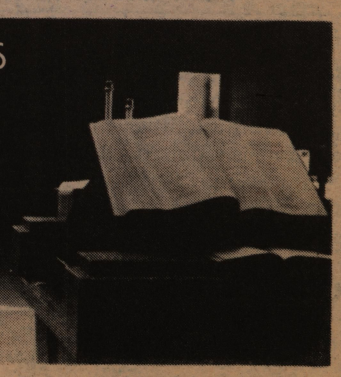


Martlet staffer to Saskatoon

Erin Mullan — whatever she's smoking, it doesn't grow in Saskatoon.

MARTLET staffer Erin Mullan will be joining representatives from university and college newspapers from across Western Canada when she attends the Summer Conference 1982 of the Western Region of Canadian University Press (WRCUP). MARTLET staff voted to join CUP as prospective members in March, after a six-year absence from the national students' news cooperative.

The University of Saskatchewan student newspaper, the SHEAF, is hosting the conference in Saskatoon, which will be held July 30 - Aug. 1.

The conference will feature workshops and discussions on nuclear industry, publication law, and Canadian abortion legislation.

The most important topic to be discussed relates to advertising policies of member newspapers.

The SHEAF has taken a "hardline" on advertising boycotts; specifically, that no student newspaper which considers itself to be a vehicle for social change (a principle of CUP) can carry advertising which is not aligned with its editorial policy. For example, if a newspaper has condemmed South Africa for its apartheid policies, it should not carry an ad from the Bank of Montreal, an investor in South Africa.

CUP's relations with Media Services, its wholly-owned national advertising network, will be affected by the outcome (if there is one) of this debate.

Youthstream going under

One of the latest casualties of the economic crisis could be the MARTLET'S national advertising agency, Youthstream.

Youthstream, which solicits national ads for the MARTLET and several other student newspapers, has not yet been able to send May remittances to its member papers.

Youthstream representative Cam Killoran had told the AMS that the agency was in the midst of refinancing, after substantial losses involved in an abortive attempt to publish a national newsmagazine ABOUT, but Killoran was unavailable to comment on reports that Youthstream was now in the process of entering receivership.

The AMS signed a two-year advertising contract with Youthstream in the spring of 1980, despite objections from MARTLET staff. Youthstream had been Canadian University Press (CUP) ad agency until 1980, when CUP-member papers established a competing student-run agency, Campus Plus.

Youthstream had been able to sign little more than a dozen papers to contracts after Campus Plus was established, and this year barely met contractual obligations to provide $12,000 of national advertising to the MARTLET.

New student aid plan coming

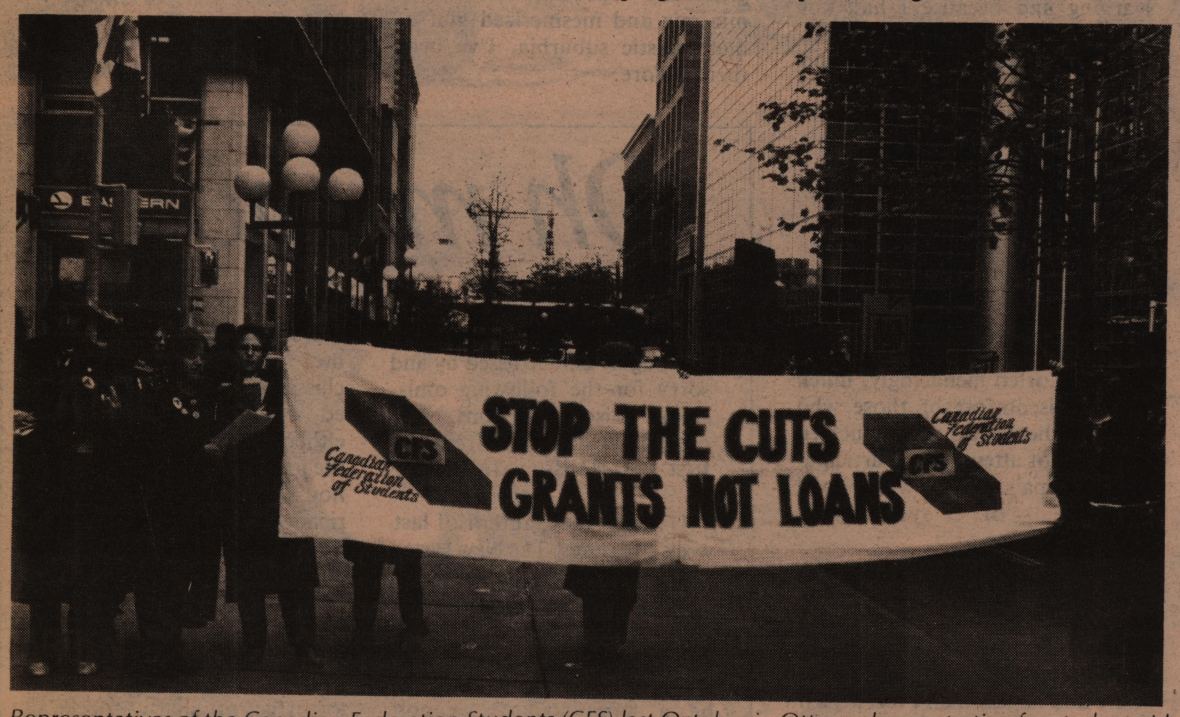
A federal-provincial implementation committee, charged with developing a new national student-aid plan by September of 1983, was established at a private meeting of Secretary of State Gerald Regan and most of the provincial education ministers, reported the Globe and Mail July 10.

The new plan would see the federal government provide grant assistance to complement its loan-based plan first established in 1964, said Regan.

Provincial officials here were unavailable for comment on the meeting or the nature of the implementation committee.

The Globe and Mail also reported that some progress had been made on negotiations on the Established Programs Financing (EPF) program.

Ontario Education Minister Bette Stephenson said that "the contentious issues had, at last, been clarified." Federal government intentions to cutback its payments to the provinces under EPF had met angry criticism from students and provincial governments.



Representatives of the Canadian Federation Students (CFS) last October in Ottawa demonstrating for student-aid plan.

excerpts from BOD

by rex brynen

AMS President Questioned on Tuition Stand

AMS President Eric Hargreaves came under heavy fire as a result of his recent presentation to the UVic BOG on tuition. Some directors expressed their concern that Hargreaves had failed to make the AMS case for a tuition freeze forcefully. A later motion calling for letters of clarification to be sent to BOG members stating the AMS position was passed by the Board.

Money for Student Conference

The Board allocated $200 towards sending two UVic students, Peter Hertzburg and Adam Steel, to an organizing conference of Canadian Student Pugwash. The students told the BOD that the Student Pugwash's aims included stimulating discussion of the social implications of science, and predicted increased activity by the group on campus.

Selection Rejection

The final choice of the committee charged with selecting the AMS' first "Research Officer" was rejected by the Board on the grounds of irregular procedure. Members of the committee and others had complained of a lack of consistency, fairness, or decorum during the committee's deliberations. A motion put forward by Directors Piddington and Davies calling for the striking of a new committee was tabled.

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editorial

Clinics only choice

The Ministry of Health's decision to transfer Royal Jubilee Hospital's obstetric facilities to Victoria General in February could leave Victoria without a facility providing therapeutic abortions.

But it has left open probably the most attractive solution possible, short of decriminalizing abortion in the Criminal Code, to maintaining so vital a medical procedure for Victoria and area women.

Recommendations for the establishment of an out-patient therapeutic abortion clinic, similar to those established in Quebec, should be acted upon by the provincial government.

A clinic would continue to provide abortions without interfering with the other operations of our hard-pressed local hospitals. It would be safer and cheaper than existing procedures.

Such an alternative is far more preferable than allowing the pro-life movement in Victoria to continue to harass local doctors serving on therapeutic abortion committees, or to leave Victoria with no abortion facility at all.

UNSSOD II: Disarmament

The Second United Nations Special Session on Disarmament (UNSSOD II) is over, the delegates have fled the Big Apple for home, and another worthy attempt to raise people's consciousnesses about disarmament and stop the death race before it's too late has failed, right?

Wrong. Like every step in the Long March from Hiroshima to a safe world, UNSSOD II was little more than a faltering stumble, saved from a fall by united peace activists the world over, and almost tripped up by warmongers like the superpowers.

UNSSOD II focused world attention on the disregard for disarmament of the Soviet and U.S. governments. Caspar Weinberger, US Secretary of Defence, noted that no matter how many Americans called for disarmament, the government would not consider it. And, despite actions of the pro-Soviet World Peace Council, the ultimate deathwish of the USSR was also exposed.

And, importantly, the failure of delegates and governments to pay heed to the wishes of millions around the world and do something about the arms race just underlined their own stupidity.

UNSSOD II breathed more life into the spark of hope now smouldering world-wide that there is an alternative to nuclear waste and pillage.

And the lack of any firm resolution by the superpowers in the face of a universal grass roots movement maybe showed a few more millions the ultimate failure of liberal "democracies" or Soviet "communism" to safeguard peace.

Reg blues

We're not so wise that we know the answer, but something has to be done about early registration.

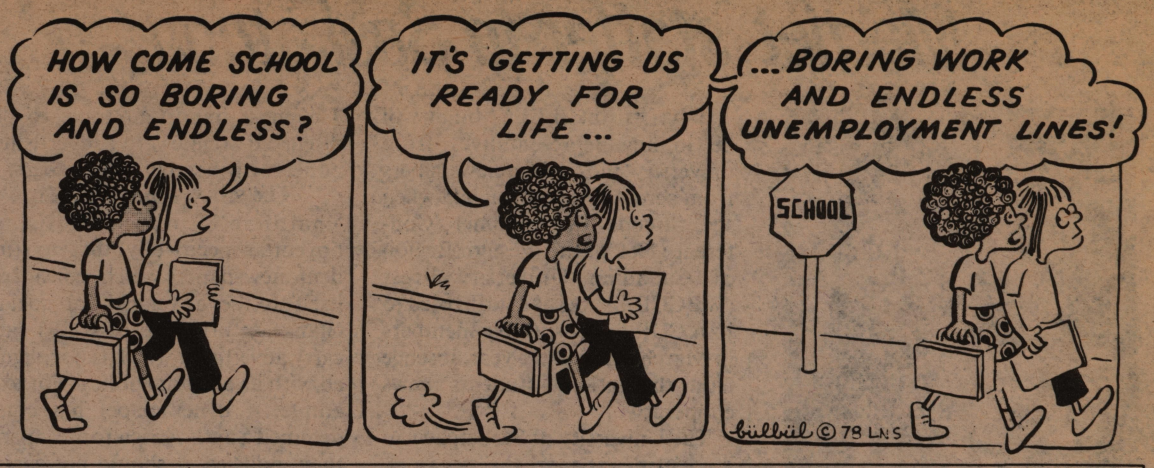
Students should not be faced with the dilemma of either making an expensive trip to Victoria, and waiting in line for hours, to get the courses they want, or waiting until September with the risk of not getting the courses they want.

Much of the blame for the early registration blues this year must go to the provincial government—cuts in education funding have left the university with no choice but to limit enrolment in high-demand courses.

But the university made things even worse this year by putting an edge of fear into high-school applicants so effectively that they came in record numbers to line-up for a procedure which is, in fact, meant to be only a convenience for those who wish to avoid line-ups in the fall.

An answer to the problem is going to cost money, but we think that giving students the chance to choose their courses without either the expense of a summer trip to UVic, or the hassle for others of endless lines, is certainly worth the cost of refining early registration procedures.

And it would cost the university nothing to give graduating high-school students a more realistic view of registration than "get there early on the first day or you won't get into computer science."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Letter - Pen Pal

Editors:

...Now! Now I know why he said I ought to write a letter Dorothy. Dorothy replied.

I have been told that you have been hovering around the periphery of academia for some two decades...fee-fye-fo-fum, I smell a kindred spirit. It is my clear but perhaps tentative belief that each blob of protoplasm on this planet is in the process of some sort of development at all times. Each of us require certain specific but different shaped and coloured bricks in order to carry our full and fairly proportioned load. Until a few years ago I was not carrying a very well balanced load; my excesses being hedonistic and my shortages being spiritual and social. My hedonism took the form of wallowing in massive, wiggling orgies of learning and because I had not specialized I could not be isolated, identified, categorized, labelled and slotted.

"The rarer one is, the better off one is because a predator must recognize its prey".
(Clauswitz?)

Maybe more likely G.B. Shaw.

It doesn't matter, anyway.

There was no program for my type—no profile to inspect and ponder. This put me, too, on the periphery of academia where I hovered, often menacingly, much to the discomfort of those who believed themselves to be educated by virtue of attendance, participation and gpa's coupled with a good measure of sycophantic favour-currying.

All of this to say: No, Dorothy, I'm not an idealist as you speculated in your letter. I'm a practical realistic who lives in the absolute here and now and am no more and no less than I feel myself to be and it is as such that I allow myself to be seen by others. Am I boring you? Am I troubling your star? Well that brings me to another non-celestial, earthy matter—I'm estranged from the remnants of my fragmented and elusive family and receive no visitors or mail. Do you know of some friend or acquaintance that would like to vicariously peer into a prison cell and explore the ramblings of a Zen Buddhist convict by getting into correspondence with me? The campus abounds with curious people who might qualify. Try to find one for me, Dorothy. Age, sex or any other illusory limitation are not issues. The impish part of me hopes that it might be a lady that you charm, trick or coerce into such a project; however, my main interest would be a free exchange of views from cell to outside and vice-versa. Maybe shut-in might enjoy such an adventure. There are self-imposed shut-ins, too, you know.

Oops! I just had a momentary flash-fantasy in which you get me all mixed up with a large, barbaric woman and I wind up in the suburbs, hopelessly enmeshed in mainstream horrors like children, car payments and social obligations. I am intrigued at the thought of stirring a flower but am in no way prepared to plant a garden. I have no intention of growing old gracefully especially not in the miasmic and mesmerized glut of materialistic suburbia. I've been there before.

I would promise to be a faithful correspondent and even though my tiny tutoring job and my Japanese language course take up most of my time, I would use the correspondence as a link to the other reality beyond the fence. How? How, you say? How would you locate such a person for me? Just pass the word around that there is a prolific weirdo wishing to correspond with anyone and it is likely that anybody might respond. How about xeroxing this letter and circulating it in odd places where lurk odd folks. I'll leave the tactics up to you, though.

Cave canum,

Dan O'Hara
Box 1200
Agassiz, B. C.
VOM 1AO

P.S. Cave canum means beware of the dog and is the motto of the University of Rangoon.

Oh my god!

Even the gods can make mistakes, and the MARTLET is thoroughly embarrassed by and sorry for the following omissions, misconstructions, and outright mistakes; all from our first 1982-83 issue, June 30:

1) Merv Adey, author of last week's feature "The New Peace Movement", we are sorry to have dropped your byline. It will never happen again. The editors also apologize for declaring the Cruise missile to be a "first-strike" weapon (which you did not intend to declare), and for referring to a national (rather than world) disarmament referendum as an External Affairs-considered "possible embarrassment" to disarmament hopes.

2) Clint Burnham, we are also sorry for dropping your by-line on the review of the latest Clash album, Combat Rock.

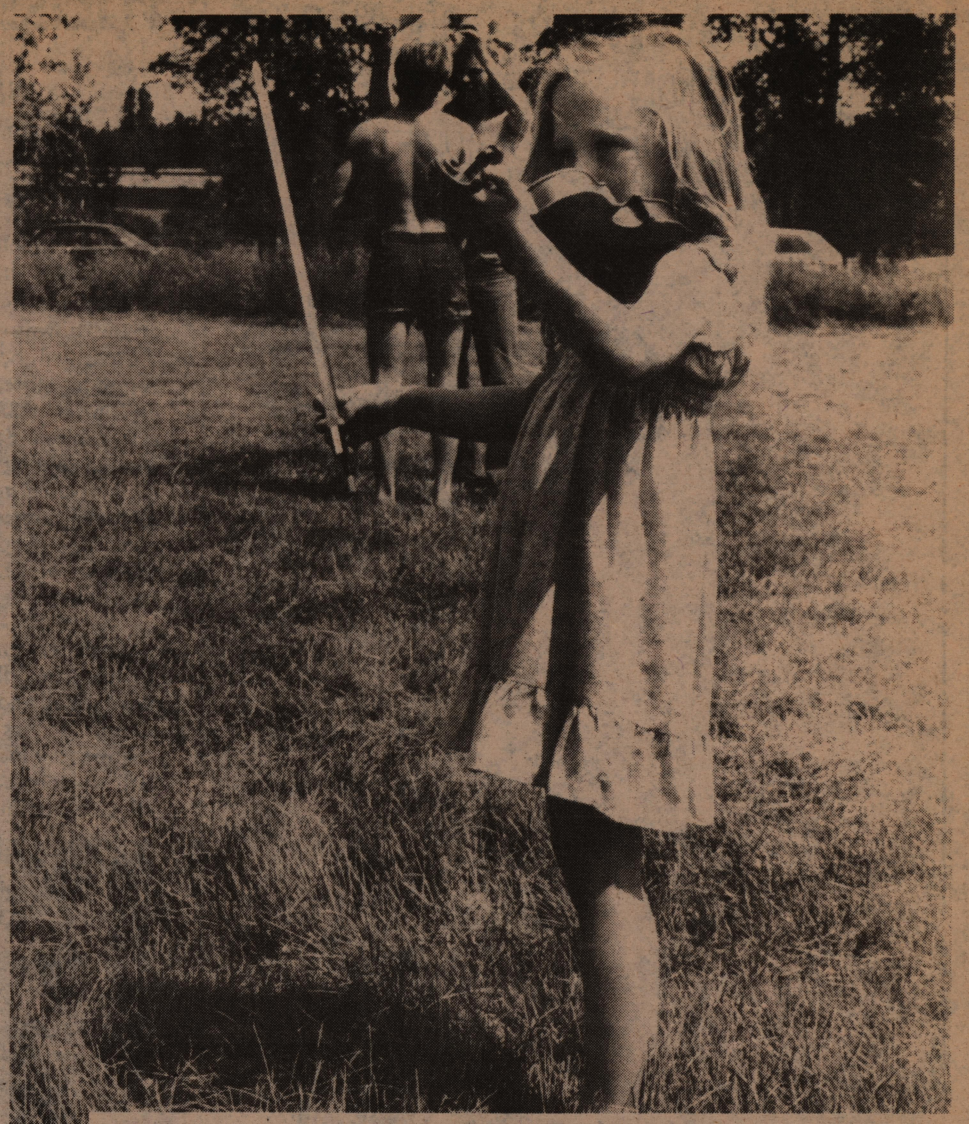
3) Future library patrons, our printing shop staff are stricken with remorse at screwing up the UVic Library ad, and, in the process, informing thousands that library hours between summer session and September classes are such that, if believed, would have left thousands either locked-up after hours in the periodicals room, or waiting hours more outside the barricaded front doors, a new library ad with the mistakes corrected is in this paper.

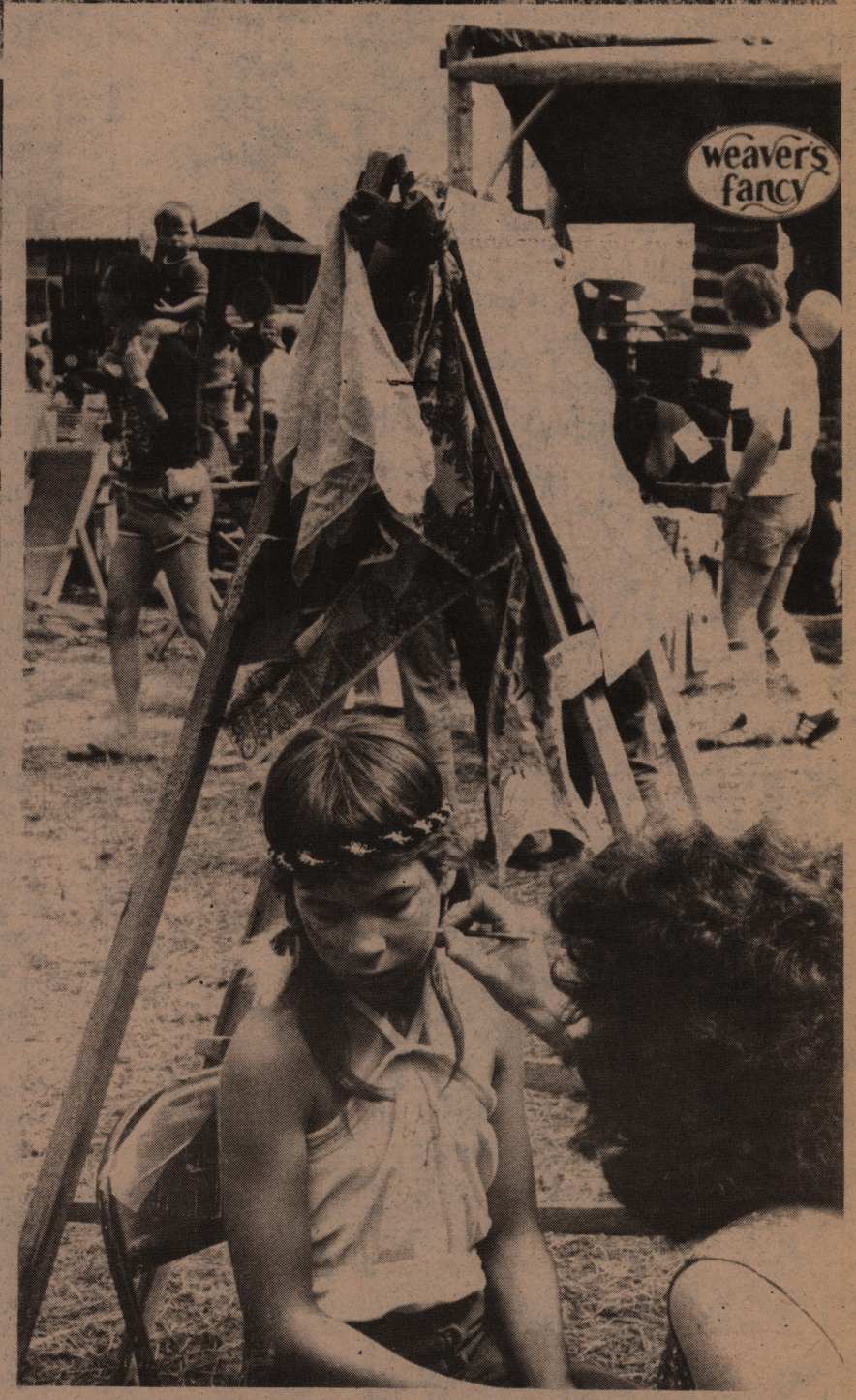
4) And Mr. John Goudie, of the UVic Physics Department, you are correct in scolding our editorial staff for misconstruing the effect of what we declared was an "actual cut" in the 1982-83 Physics budget. While cuts will take place, we neglected to inform our readers that Physics seemed harder hit than it was—in fact, it's budget fell because two retiring senior professors were replaced with junior (and lower-paid) professors.

For all this we are sorry. The guilty have been severely punished. But then, as any materialist should know, even the gods are mortal.

Bim, music, face-painting and food...

Renaissance Fair '82





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mass culture

shoestring gourmet: Quicherie quite the quiff

by katy chan and clint burnham

The Quicherie is one of Victoria's most affordable French restaurants, offering fifteen varieties of the light egg concoction at affordable prices in an airy, bright, downtown location.

Squashed between a personal computer store and a parking lot on Johnson (732 Johnson, to be exact), tables on the sidewalk and a woman folding menu handouts on them give an indication of what's to come: unpretentious, laidback, good food. And that's what we got when we walked inside last Friday noon.

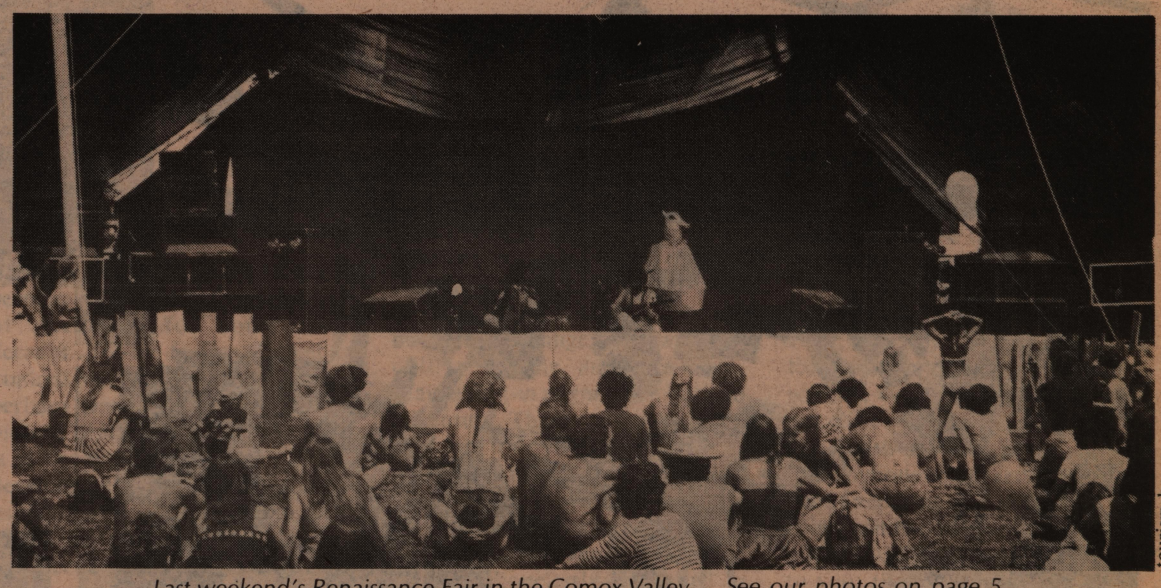
There was only one other person in the front dining room, so we were seated and the server took our drink orders. The Quicherie features a wine bar and European deli at noon, but we decided to stick to non-alcohol and quiche.

The problem now was to decide what to order. The range of quiches offered is amazing. The classic Quiche Lorraine is at the top of the list, and the rest vary from such exotic fare as Quiche bouillabaise (seafood) to the unusual, Quiche a l'Anglaise (pork sausages). I decided on Quiche aux crevettes a l'Indienne, and my companion chose the Quiche aux saummon fume. In ten minutes our orders arrived and we started salivating.

The quiches are about one-quarter of a pie in size, and look light and fluffy. When they arrive at your table accompanied by buttered fresh vegetables and a small salad, you can see the words "try me" rising off the plate in curls of steam and French tones more enticing than a Francois Truffaut film dipped in the steaming sweat off a Brest dockworker's back.

The vegetables—this time they were broccoli—were perfect; fresh and firm, nicely buttered, terrific cuisine ancienne. My quiche was not food for mere mortals. The filling—curried shrimp—was supreme, the curry not hot, but, amazingly enough for a Western curry, the taste was still there. The quiche was great. The smoked salmon in my companion's quiche provided most of the taste, without being overpowering. Again, fresh vegetables and, again, a near-perfect quiche. Both were $4.95 a throw, a bargain that's either excellent in these days of twenty-buck overcooked steaks, or a scary foreshadowing of the depression to come.

The Quicherie is open from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily, offers full lunch and dinner menus, and a French breakfast. Fully licensed. Lunch, including tip, came to $12.00.



tourism b.c.

Last weekend's Renaissance Fair in the Comox Valley. *See our photos on page 5.*

Frost/Trudeau

by Richard Walpole

Every now and then the great TV wasteland surprises us by producing something intelligible on commercial stations. The CBC has scored something of a coup with its new series, "Frost over Canada," with well-known interviewer-journalist David Frost.

Frost has always had the talent to relax his interviewees, make them forget all the TV paraphernalia around them, and become candid, insightful, and at times humorous.

Frost also brings to the programme a European mentality which tends to take a much broader perspective on events than does the harried and underinformed North American one.

Canadians, at least the vast mass of us, tend not to compare events in our own country too readily with events of a similar nature in other parts of the world. But it was a double pleasure to see Frost interviewing the incumbent Canadian prime minister, Pierre Elliot Trudeau, in a session free from political rhetoric or concern about image.

This reviewer, at least, could not help but compare the event with an imagined one involving, say, American president Ronald Reagan. It was like an abyss to a mountain.

If it is true, as Oscar Wilde once said, that only the shallow know themselves, then Trudeau is anything but. Given a list of adjectives applied by various writers at one time or another to him, Trudeau answered he seldom read about himself, didn't understand some of the words as they might apply to him, and then chose "competitive" as one to talk about.

"I've never been competitive, at least since my teens. I realized then that my only competition was myself."

Asked what, in his 62 years, had been his most profound experience, Trudeau replied, "Well, if you mean something that changed me more than anything, it happened between 28 and 32. Sometime during those years I came to realize how much in control of myself I could be, and how free I am to do whatever I want."

On abortion and divorce, and his Catholic background; "I personally find both abortion and divorce morally tragic, but as Prime Minister I cannot allow my personal beliefs to interfere with other peoples' rights to chose."

On fatherhood; "Well, the greatest single joy of fatherhood to me was the realization of creation, from my body and its mother's, of an awareness, a conscious living creature, which was not there before. It is an awesome realization."

On remaining Prime Minister; "Unless I have to call a snap election, and I don't foresee that, I'll retire before the next one."

What does he plan after retirement? "I want to spend more time with my children, watch them grow and develop. Perhaps I'll learn to play the piano better, and improve my writing. I'm fairly good now, I think, but there is always room for improvement."

Hats off to you, David Frost.

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Oak Bay summer film fest.

by katy chan

Michael Hoppe, manager of the Oak Bay Theatre on Oak Bay Avenue, is taking a gamble that Victoria cinema buffs are going to take advantage of seventy-two film classics to be offered over the next two months at rock-bottom prices. Hoppe has access to the United Artist Classics Showcase, a catalogue of films operating out of the U.S. which has just expanded into Canada, and is hoping that Victorians who appreciate fine cinematic art are willing to help him bring, for most the first time, films as diverse in theme and content as "Hair" and "Pride and Prejudice", "Seven Brides for Seven Brothers" and "2001: A Space Odyssey". Most films offered will either be paired for a double feature or are lengthy. All for the cheapest prices in Victoria commercial theatre. Here's how it's going to work.

In the eight week period starting July 15 (today), the Oak Bay will be featuring five different programmes a week, each programme consisting of either a longer film or two feature-length films paired. The double features will be paired according to complementary themes or content, or directors. For instance, "Yellow Submarine" and "Alice's Restaurant" are playing on July 22-23, and Fellini's "Satyricon" and "Roma" will be featured August 12-13.

And here's the catch—this will all be extremely cheap. Admission prices for all programmes, regardless of number of films or length, will be $3.50, $1.50 for children and O.A.P.'s! There are no two-for-one nights or student prices, because of the very low level already.

Why the sudden influx of high-quality films into the musty Victorian theatre scene, where the former definition of a theatre operator taking a gamble was the re-run of "Hard Days Night"? United Artists is just breaking into Canada, and is conducting a nation-wide promotion. Only certain theatres with reputations for offering artistic films were approached by the company. The Ridge, in Vancouver, for example, and the Oak Bay for Vancouver Island. United Artists Classics is gambling that Canadian audiences are ready for easy access to a wide range of 35 mm films.

In the two years Hoppe has been managing the 475-seat Oak Bay, he has never had a sell-out performance. By offering these incredible bargains for classics you normally only see in Vancouver, the Eastern U.S., or (sometimes) UVic's Cinecenta, he hopes to make more accessible the artistic celluloid available, and as well gain a larger audience for his theatre. If this gamble pays off, Victoria could be ready for premieres of foreign films, say recent Fassbinders', hot off the Cannes reels, and 2nd runs of popular classics usually not offered again by downtown commercial theatres. If the long shot loses, Victoria will lose a chance for quality entertainment and, probably a dedicated theatre manager's enthusiasm.

So now it's up to us. Are we going to grab at the inexpensive chance offered us and take in some top-quality films in the next two months, or are we going to settle for the lukewarm pablum and gore offered at Victoria's downtown "theatres" and ignore this opportunity? What'll it be..."Megaforce" or "Lili Marleen"?

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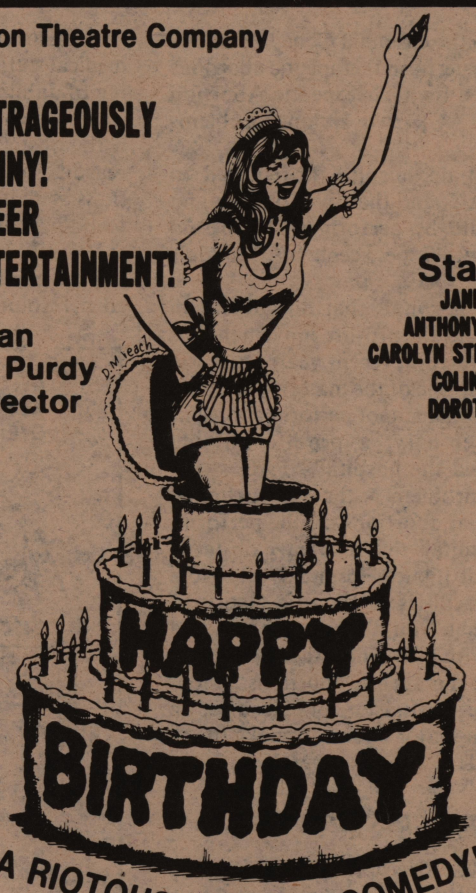

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Chipping away at choice

by terry johnson

The apparently innocent concentration of obstetric facilities in the new Helmcken Road facility of Victoria General Hospital, a move planned for February of 1983, could have serious ramifications for area women.

It could mean that no local hospital would be able to perform therapeutic abortions in the Greater Victoria area.

And that is a possibility that has left medical staff and pro-choice organizations alike concerned and upset.

Maxine Boag, of the Canadian Association for the Repeal of Abortion Laws (CARAL), explained that under the 1968 amendment to the Criminal Code that allowed hospitals to perform therapeutic abortions when approved by a Therapeutic Abortion Committee (TAC), two serious problems were created.

One is that no hospital is required to establish a TAC, and that, without one, no abortions could be performed. Boag said that less than 20 per cent of Canada's hospitals have TACs.

Even those hospitals that do have them can lose them, as the pro-life movement has ably demonstrated in recent years. Victoria General became one of the majority of Canadian hospitals that cannot perform abortions when, last February, a pro-life hospital board dissolved the hospital's TAC.

The other problem is that the Criminal Code states that abortions can be performed only at hospitals that also have obstetric facilities. Royal Jubilee Hospital is set to lose its obstetric facilities to Victoria General.

Together that would leave Victoria and area women with no medical facility capable of performing therapeutic abortions. And it has left B.C.'s Minister of Health Jim Neilson with a major choice to make in the months ahead.

Cost-saving cuts abortions

The original decision to concentrate obstetric facilities at Victoria General was first made by the Ministry of Health several years ago, before the dissolution of Victoria General's TAC, as a cost-saving measure, the Minister of Health's executive assistant Richard Bassett told the MARTLET.

The move would have been made earlier, he explained, but it was delayed because of public pressure, and criticism from Royal Jubilee's medical staff. But, based on expert advice, and as part of the general retrenchment of health-care in B.C., the move has been re-scheduled for February.

Bassett said that the Minister of Health Jim Neilson has been meeting with medical staff and the Victoria General Hospital Board, in the hope of sorting out the difficulties the move will cause now, given the dissolution of Victoria General's TAC by the pro-life majority on its board.

There is some confusion over the effect that the loss of Royal Jubilee's obstetric facilities will have on the TAC there. The head of Victoria General's medical staff, Dr. Carlow, told the MARTLET that abortions could be performed at a hospital without obstetrics facilities, if such a hospital is approved to perform therapeutic abortions by the Minister of Health.

But Carlow's opinion is not shared by the medical staff of Royal Jubilee. Dr. Jim Warren of Jubilee told the MARTLET that the Act clearly only allows abortions at hospitals with obstetric facilities. And for good reason, said Warren, because if complications arise it is important for qualified staff to be present to safeguard life.

Warren said that earlier this year the Jubilee medical staff had unanimously passed a resolution calling on the Ministry of Health to develop an alternative method of providing abortions to the Victoria community.

"As long as there is any possibility that doctors performing abortions at our hospital could be liable for prosecution, we cannot endorse the maintenance of a TAC," said Warren.

And, while Carlow pointed to Vancouver General and Shaughnessy Hospitals as institutions where abortions are performed without obstetric facilities, Warren cited a recent situation in Moosejaw where obstetrics were similarly concentrated at a Catholic hospital without a TAC, and all abortions in the city ceased.

What the law really states could only be tested in court. And no doctor should be liable for such a test of the Criminal Code, said Warren.

Changing the boards

In the meantime the only other possibility is that Victoria General's TAC could be reinstated, but prospects for that do not look good. Pro-life members will constitute a majority on that hospital's board for at least the next two years, whatever the outcome of the September elections. CARAL rep Maxine Boag explained that CARAL would be boycotting the Victoria General elections on principle, arguing that no hospital board should be constituted in such a way that would leave its TAC open to dissolution.

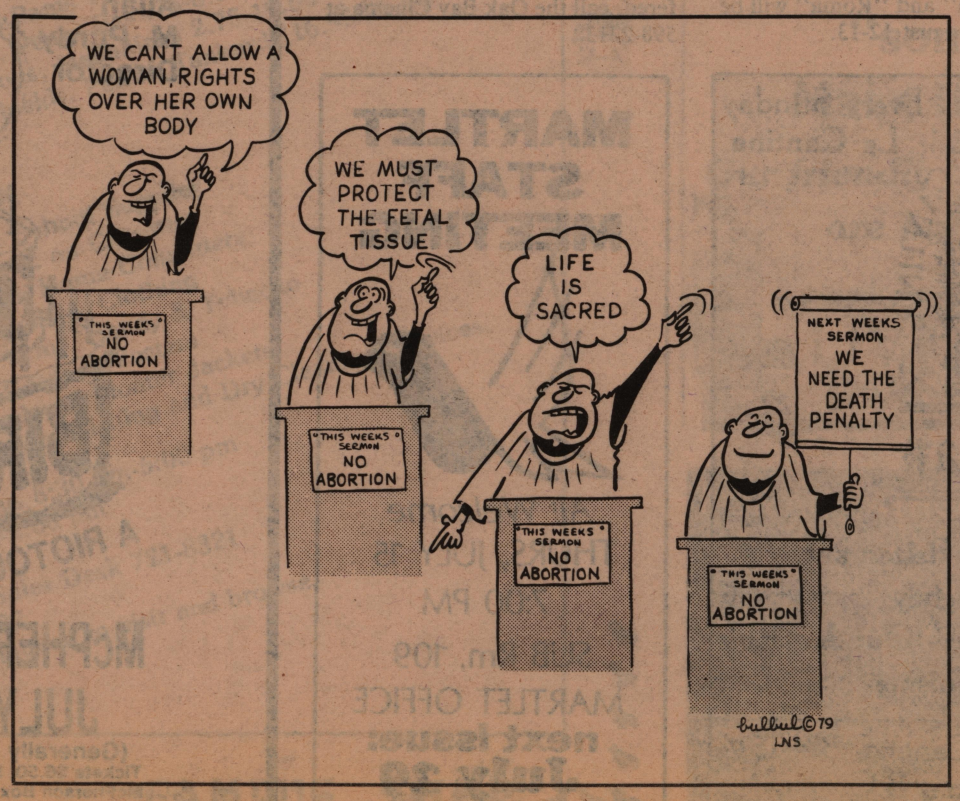
Negotiations are continuing between Neilson and the Victoria General board—a sure sign of the priority the Ministry of Health has placed on the problem's resolution, said Bassett—but little progress has been made.

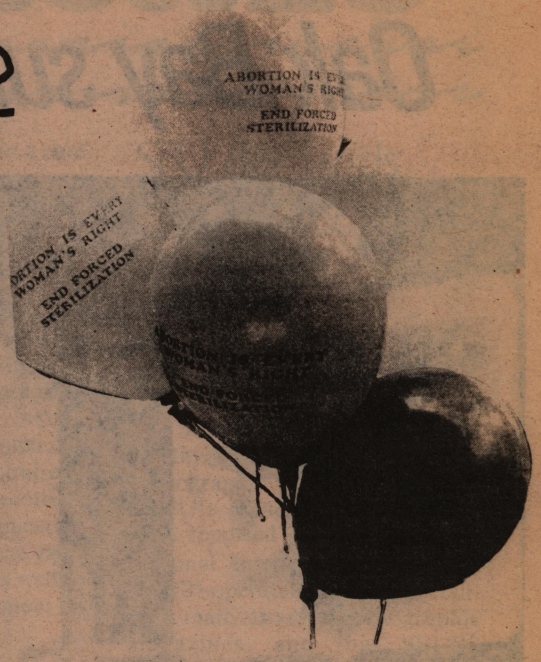
CARAL and Warren both agree that the dissolution of Victoria General's TAC highlights the inability of hospitals to function well when they are beset by single-interest groups which, according to Warren, only want to "feather their own bailliwick".

"Public participation is important", said Warren, "but hospitals are running a large number of special services and cannot accommodate them when beset with special interest groups".

CARAL does not oppose the election of hospital board members, but wants hospital boards changed to guarantee that they will not be controlled by pro-lifers, explained Boag.

Royal Jubilee has only four elected members on a 12-member board, said Boag, who is running for one of the positions open for election this September.





Alternatives

While the possibility that Victoria could be left without therapeutic abortion facilities by February has given the pro-choice movement a new urgency, it has also provided what is, in many ways, an ideal alternative to the present method of providing therapeutic abortions.

CARAL is mounting a campaign to establish an out-patient therapeutic abortion clinic, similar to those established in Quebec by Dr. Morgentaler, explained Boag. Such a clinic would be safer, cheaper, and more convenient for the two local hospitals who do not want to deal endlessly with the abortion question, she said.

It is a view echoed by many other Victorians. Bassett said that the Ministry of Health had received similar recommendations from "surprising sources", including church groups. Warren said that the Jubilee medical staff had not specified what alternative they would like to see, but are open to the possibility of discussing the issue with the Ministry—they have not yet been approached on the question, said Warren.

Royal Jubilee Hospital Board chairperson Francis Goode said that, while no recommendation for a clinic has yet come to the Board, it would be open to discussing the proposal seriously.

Boag explained that a clinic, to operate, would have to be left alone by the provincial government—in Quebec, after several attempts were made to prosecute Dr. Morgentaler for establishing clinics, the government has since let them maintain services without harassment.

Boag said that CARAL is now trying to raise funds to bring Morgentaler out to Victoria in the fall. She also said that Morgentaler would be establishing a similar clinic in Ontario to test the law there.

CARAL is asking for support from other non-partisan organizations in town, and looking for volunteers, said Boag. She encourages anyone interested in helping to contact her at 385-5054.

Warren concurred that such an out-patient facility would be desirable in many ways. It would free hospital operating rooms for other patients. It would save money, desirable in a time of hospital cutbacks. And it would take some of the pressure off doctors now embroiled in the pro-life/pro-choice battle-lines drawn on the local hospital boards.

The establishment of a clinic depends, however, on the provincial government, said Boag. So far, while Bassett affirms that the loss of Victoria's only abortion facility is a problem the government is set to deal with, the Ministry of Health now is mostly interested in keeping the hospitals open. "A decision isn't pressing for another 6 months," said Bassett, "and the Ministry has not yet looked closely at the possible alternatives."

Possible alternatives will, as Boag says, instead depend on active and effective campaigning by Victoria's pro-choice majority.